

Minutes of the
City Commission for the City of Traverse City



Regular Meeting

September 21, 2015

A regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Traverse City was called to order at the Commission Chambers, Governmental Center, 400 Boardman Avenue, Traverse City, Michigan, at 7 p.m.

The following Commissioners were present, constituting a quorum: Mayor Michael Estes, Mayor Pro Tem Barbara D. Budros, James Carruthers, Jeanine Easterday, Gary Howe, Ross Richardson, Tim Werner.

The following Commissioners were absent: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Michael Estes presided at the meeting.

As requested by Commissioner Ross Richardson, Agenda Item 2(d) was removed from the Consent Calendar for individual consideration by the City Commission.

As requested by Commissioner Tim Werner, Agenda Item 2(b) was removed from the Consent Calendar for individual consideration by the City Commission.

2. Consent Calendar

Moved by Carruthers, seconded by Richardson, that the following actions as recommended on the amended Consent Calendar portion of the Agenda be approved:

- a. the minutes of the September 8, 2015, Joint Special Meeting, the September 8, 2015, Regular Meeting, and the September 14, 2015, Study Session, be approved.
- b. Removed from the Consent Calendar.

- c. the Mayor and City Clerk execute a settlement agreement in connection with the Wire Harness Antitrust Litigation (USDC, EDM Case NO. 12-md-02331), in the amount of \$20,000, with such agreement subject to approval as to its substance by the City Manager and its form by the City Attorney.
- d. Removed from the Consent Calendar.
- e. the City Manager be authorized to issue a purchase order to Signature Ford in the amount of \$43,792 for the purchase of a 2016 Ford F250 4x4 Standard Pickup Truck and a 2016 Ford Focus Hatchback, both for use by the Engineering Department, with funds available in the Garage Division Budget.
- f. the City Manager be authorized to issue a purchase order to AT&T/Webtech Wireless in the amount of \$21,602.09 for the purchase of 10 complete GPS/AVL Tracking System Packages with funds available in the Garage Fund.
- g. the State Disaster Contingency Fund Grant Resolution, requesting that the Governor authorize a grant to the City of Traverse City from the State Disaster Contingency Fund to help alleviate the financial burden accumulated from the August 2, 2015 wind storm relief efforts, and further that City Manager Martin A. Colburn be authorized to execute the application on behalf of the City, be adopted.

CARRIED unanimously.

Items removed from the Consent Calendar

a.

Consideration of authorizing a purchase order for street furniture associated with the 2015 West Front Street Reconstruction Project.

The following addressed the Commission:

Timothy Lodge, City Engineer

Moved by Easterday, seconded by Budros, that the City Manager be authorized to issue a purchase order to Landscape Forms in the amount of \$27,909.80 for the purchase of 10 benches, 10 bike racks, 10 planters, and 2 trash cans with funds available in the Public Improvement Fund.

John Scrudato, 422 East State Street – made general comments
Rick Buckhalter, 932 Kelley Street – made general comments

CARRIED unanimously.

b.

Consideration of authorizing an amendment to the water service agreement with Elmwood Township to provide water service to properties within The Moorings which are located in Elmwood Township.

The following addressed the Commission:

Marty Colburn, City Manager
Lauren Tribble-Laucht, City Attorney

Moved by Richardson, seconded by Easterday, that the Mayor and City Clerk execute an amendment to the Water Supply Contract with Elmwood Township (originally authorized October 6, 2003), to expand the district within the contract to include those outlined in Exhibit 1 and to approve the additional connection points as described in the September 14, 2015, communication from the City Attorney and outlined in Exhibit 1, such amendment subject to approval as to its substance by the City Manager and its form by the City Attorney.

Roll Call:

Yes - Carruthers, Easterday, Howe, Richardson, Budros, Estes.

No - Werner.

CARRIED.

3. Old Business**3(a).**

Consideration of adopting a resolution approving a request from The Woda Group for a PILOT (payment-in-lieu-of-taxes) for a planned development at Eighth Street and Railroad Avenue targeted at the senior population and authorizing the related municipal services agreement.

The following addressed the Commission:

Marty Colburn, City Manager

Polly Cairns, City Assessor

Benjamin Marentette, City Clerk

Craig Patterson, Woda Group, 114 North Huron, Mackinaw City

Moved by Easterday, seconded by Carruthers, that the Resolution Granting Tax Exemption for the property at 520 Railroad Avenue which will contain 60 affordable rate units to Depot Commons Limited Dividend Housing Association, LP, establishing Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for affordable housing, be adopted.

Christine Maxbauer, 503 West Eighth Street – made general comments

Tony Lentych, Traverse City Housing Commission Executive Director,
718 Highland Park Drive – made general comments

Rick Buckhalter, 932 Kelley Street – made general comments

Geoff Streit, 515 Highland Park Drive - expressed support

CARRIED unanimously.

3(b).

Consideration of declaring two snow groomers surplus and authorizing a purchase order for two snow groomers for use at Hickory Hills.

The following addressed the Commission:

Marty Colburn, City Manager

Moved by Richardson, seconded by Carruthers, that two snow groomers be declared surplus and the City Manager be authorized to issue a purchase order to Kassbohrer All-Terrain Vehicles, Inc. in the total amount of \$481,006 for one 2015 Kassbohrer Pisten Bully 100 and one 2015 Kassbohrer Pisten Bully 400 (snow groomers) for use at Hickory Hills, with funds available in the Garage Fund.

Roll Call:

Yes - Easterday, Howe, Richardson, Werner, Carruthers.

No - Budros, Estes.

CARRIED.

4. New Business

4(a).

Consideration of authorizing an Out-of-Scope Agreement with CH2M for a membrane gate replacement, lift station pumps and controls replacement and screw pump replacement

The following addressed the Commission:

Marty Colburn, City Manager
Elizabeth Hart, CH2M

Moved by Werner, seconded by Easterday, that the public interest will be best served by not obtaining competitive bids and that the Mayor and City Clerk execute an Out of Scope Services Agreement with CH2M in the amount of \$393,378 to perform the three major repair projects as outlined in the September 14, 2015, communication from the Director of Public Services with funds available in the Sewer Fund, with a portion of the cost to be reimbursed by the participating townships who are a party to the Master Sewer Agreement, such agreement subject to approval as to its substance by the City Manager and its form by the City Attorney.

Rick Buckhalter, 932 Kelley Street – made general comments

CARRIED unanimously.

5. Appointments

None.

6. Reports and Communications

The following were received and filed:

- a. Reports, announcements and correspondence from the City Manager.
- b. Announcements from the City Clerk.
- c. Reports, announcements and correspondence from the Mayor and City Commissioners.
- d. Reports and correspondence from other City officials, boards and committees.
 1. Reports from members of the Commission serving on boards.
 2. Minutes of the Planning Commission meetings of August 3, 2015, and August 4, 2015.
- e. Reports and correspondence from non-City officials.

None.

7. Public Comment

The following addressed the Commission:

1. Reserved.

None

2. General.
3. Mayor and City Commissioners.

Chris Maxbauer, 503 West Eighth Street
Amy Shamroe, 511 Depot View
Tom Mair, 612 Fifth Street
Rick Buckalter, 932 Kelley Street
John Scrudato, 422 East State Street
Commissioner Tim Werner
Commissioner Gary Howe
Commissioner Jim Carruthers
Commissioner Jeanine Easterday
Marty Colburn, City Manager

There being no objection, Mayor Michael Estes declared the meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Benjamin C. Marentette, MMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____, _____
(Date) (Initials)